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COMPLETED US 101/SR-23 INTERCHANGE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT WILL PROVIDE MOTORISTS A SMOOTHER DRIVE

THOUSAND OAKS – Caltrans announced today that construction is now complete on the U.S. Highway 101/State Route 23 interchange project in Thousand Oaks, improving traffic for the more than 170,000 commuters who pass through the area daily.

“This project will help commuters get to their destinations sooner and safer and provide much needed relief to a chronic bottleneck in Ventura County,” said Caltrans Director Malcolm Dougherty.

“I appreciate the dedication to this project and the successful partnership between the city of Thousand Oaks, Caltrans and the Ventura County Transportation Commission.” said Thousand Oaks Mayor Joel Price. “We are very excited to mark the completion of the interchange improvement, which had been a top priority for the city and for Ventura County commuters for many years.”

Ventura County Transportation Commission Chairman Keith Millhouse remarked, “The 101/23 interchange improvement project is an example of the far-reaching benefits we reap when we invest in our transportation infrastructure. Not only does the project improve local traffic flow and safety on one of the most congested freeway segments in Ventura County, it also enhances air quality, facilitates commerce and improves regional commutes. Unfortunately, this project will be the last major capital project for many years in Ventura County and residents should expect worsening gridlock if a transportation funding measure isn’t put into effect.”

The US 101/SR-23 interchange improvement project added one new lane in each direction to U.S. 101 between the Los Angeles/Ventura County line and Moorpark Road, a distance of approximately four miles. It also built a new lane connecting U.S. 101 and SR-23; widened bridges at Hampshire Road, Conejo School Road and Moorpark Road; realigned the Moorpark Road ramps; and constructed soundwalls and retaining walls on both sides of U.S. 101.

Caltrans, the Ventura County Transportation Commission, and Thousand Oaks partnered on this \$37 million project, which began construction in early 2014 and



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included \$10 million from Proposition 1B, the 2006 voter-approved transportation bond. To date, more than \$19.2 billion in Proposition 1B funds have been put to work statewide for transportation purposes. Currently, Caltrans has 117 projects in construction in Los Angeles and Ventura counties, valued at more than \$2.5 billion.

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